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Connecticut Naturopathic Physicians Association

March 15, 2012

TO: Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee

FR: Stacey Munro, N.D.
Legislative Chair
Connecticut Naturopathic Physicians Association

RE: House Bill 5485

I am not able to be at your public hearing today, but please accept these brief comments about House Bill 5485.

The Connecticut Naturopathic Medical Association supports your continuing efforts to develop an effective health insurance exchange. We believe the overall intent of HB 5485 is a good one. We have concerns, however, over the fact that the bill as drafted would permit health plans to pick and choose which particular mandated services they would cover. We believe this could have the effect of limiting consumer choice and the availability of services from alternative types of medicine.

CNPA supports the retention of all mandates in health plans that would be sold on the exchange. Thank you.